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Local Job Opportunities

The Community Employment Scheme have vacancies for a Grounds Keeper at Aghabullogue GAA Hall, Coachford and a Childcare Assistant at Coachford Pre School. The applicants must be eligible for the scheme. Further details from Diane, Community Scheme Supervisor on 021 7337171.

GAA Registration Weekend



Aghabullogue GAA membership registration will take place in Aghabullogue Hall on Saturday 17th January from 6.30pm-8pm and on Sunday 18th January from 12pm-1.30pm. All non-players, adult players and juvenile players are asked to come along and complete their membership registration. New members welcome. Membership Fees for adults is €50, students will be asked to pay €30 and the fee for Juveniles is €20 and €10 for each additional child in the same family.

Tidy Towns Church Gate Collection
February 14th & 15th.
Show your love for the Tidy Towns !



Coachford Village Needs New Treatment Plant

The Community council have expressed huge concerns surrounding the failure of Irish Water to upgrade the sewage treatment plant in Coachford. The council have learned that Irish Water has the proposed treatment plant on the third tier of future developments (C list) and there are no plans to progress its development until 2016 at the earliest. Meanwhile according to the council members, the village's growth is on hold due to lack of new houses and homes for the many people wishing to live in Coachford and to raise their families there. The council has written to the six local Cork County Councillors to seek their assistance in bringing their case to Irish Water. This is not a new issue and is in fact rumbling on for many years without any action from Irish Water now or the Cork County Council in previous years. One local resident said, "Cork County Council must take some responsibility for this mess as the new treatment plant for the village was earmarked over ten years ago and they did absolutely nothing about it and now are quite happy to put all the blame at Irish Water's door." A new treatment plant for the village is vital, we are witnessing a fall off in numbers at the primary school, our businesses in the village are stagnant, there are grave concerns about raw sewerage leaking into the River Lee which will have huge knock on effects on the growing fishing tourism sector and the upgrade of the R619 is on hold due to the uncertainty of the location of the new plant. The ongoing delay in upgrading the sewerage system in Coachford is having a detrimental effect on the social and economic life of this vibrant village. Coachford is one of the biggest villages in Cork County. It is a progressive and busy village with many businesses operating in the area. The business Community in the Coachford area needs an injection of people to grow the community and maintain their customer base. This growth cannot happen without the new treatment plant. It is imperative that this plant be progressed immediately and moved from the C list to the A list in 2015. The people of Coachford deserve better from our politicians and from Irish Water.



Change for Charity

Give your unwanted copper coins to Coachford AFC Ground Development Fund. The Coachford Soccer Club which caters for under 8s, 10s, 14s and 17s as well as two adult teams are hoping for a big response to their appeal for members of the public and supporters to donate their loose change to the club. The Chairman of the club, Peter O'Riordan said, "We are continuing to invest in our grounds in Coachford and working hard to improve the playing, training and changing facilities there. We are all aware of how much copper coins all of us have collected over the years and they are just lying in jars, biscuit tins, the car, the 'man drawer' and on the bedside locker. We would love if people could take those coins and put them to good use in helping us to develop our grounds for the youth of the area. Coins can be handed in to the collection boxes in your nearest local shop, school or business, or to any club member." For further details contact: 087 640 54 51.





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Community Council

Arrangements are being made to reconstitute the Community Council as a Limited Company. It is common nowadays for Community Councils to be structured in this way. There are additional benefits of longevity and affording protection to members. State and other bodies often express a preference to deal with companies when arranging grants or funding.



Elections

Community Council Elections will take place in early May 2015. It's hard to believe that it's almost 4 years since the last Election! Details as to procedures, nominations, etc. will be given within the next few weeks

Festival AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Broomhill Vintage Club takes place in the Community House Coachford on Thursday January 22nd. The club had a very successful year in 2014. The club membership grew and the vintage runs were very well supported. The Tractor Building team reached the All Ireland Final again this year and after a very close competition which took place at the National Ploughing Championships emerged as runners up. Members of the club also enjoyed a trip to the transport museum in Kilgarvan in November and this turned out to be a great success and more day trips are planned for 2015. The Coachford Autumn Festival in 2014 was the club's most successful one and the members managed to raise over €8,500 for charity. The Chairman of the club, Tadgh Murphy said "We've had a great year, a very enjoyable year and one full of achievements. We are already beginning to plan for this year's Festival on August 14th 15, and 16th. The club is looking for new members to get involved in helping to plan for and run this year's Coachford Autumn Festival. The club has donated over €30,000 to charities and worthy causes over the last four years. If you would like to do something worthwhile in 2015 and at the same time have a lot of fun, meet new people and help to make the festival even better then come along on Thursday. Don't worry you won't be landed with any big job unless of course you want one!!"

Aghabullogue gets Defibrillator

Aghabullogue Point to Point Committee presented a Defibrillator to the Aghabullogue Community. The presentation now means that each of the three villages in the parish have a defibrillator should they ever need it. The purchase of the unit by the racing committee also comes with training for eight members of the community. Jack Murphy, Chairperson Aghabullogue Point to Point Committee said "we are delighted to be in a



left is Jack Murphy, Chairperson Aghabullogue Point to Point Committee presenting the defibrillator to Willie Dennehy, Chairperson ACR Community Council

position to be able to donate this life saving equipment to the community. We are all very aware that in the present day a quick response to heart attacks is vital in keeping people alive and although we of course hope that there will never be a need to use this equipment we are very happy to have it located in the village in case it ever is.

Willie Dennehy, Chairperson ACR Community Council in accepting the AED was thankful to the committee and said "We are extremely grateful to the Point to Point Committee for their foresight, generosity and gift of this potentially lifesaving equipment to our community."

The AED defibrillator will be located in a prominent place in Aghabullogue Village and training on its use will be undertaken early in the New Year.



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Coachford Tidy Towns - Clean up

The Tidy Towns group will meet on Sunday morning, January 18th to begin another season of village clean ups and improvements. If you would like to get involved this year please come along to the church car park at 11.30am and join the clean up for one hour. Bring a high Vis jacket, gloves and a smile. Think of all the calories you will lose and all the good that you will do.

Coachford Local Market

The monthly Coachford Local Market takes place on



Saturday January 24th from 10.30am to 1.00pm in the GAA Hall Coachford. Lots of cakes, jams, vegetables and crafts for sale as well as warming cups of tea and coffee.

**Coachford
Autumn
Festival 2015
Friday August
14th to Sunday
August 16th
Don't Miss it
This Year**

Coachford Foróige have been extremely busy since the beginning of the Foróige year, from winning the annual West Cork District inter-club quiz, to attending the East disco in Bandon on December 5th. More recently the club hosted a stall at the annual Coachford

Christmas market in the local GAA hall. The club sold crafts that had been made by members in aid of the Make-A-Wish foundation, raising €160 for the charity in the process. However, most importantly the morning was topped off with a visit to Santa! The members have also ordered, designed and bought club Hoodies emblazoned with the new Coachford Foróige Crest designed by club member Conor Lynch.

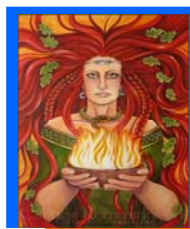


Coachford girl Ann Enneguess married Scotsman Neil Connor in Edinburgh in 2014. The couple tied the knot surrounded by their families and a huge amount of friends and neighbours who made the trip over to Scotland for the celebrations which went on for over three days. The happy couple live and work in Edinburgh.

A New Year ?

"If you are experiencing issues with stress, anxiety, depression, or bereavement, and would like to talk to someone, contact me at 087 968 4940 to set up an appointment. I offer a free initial 30 minute consultation".

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Soccer Fixtures

Killanardrish/Coachford under 14 schoolboys soccer team play Greenwood on Sunday at 10.30am in Carrigadrohid. Meanwhile the Coachford Youths team travel to Greenwood for their league fixture which kicks off at 2.00pm in Togher. The Premier team have a Saturday fixture when they entertain Grattan United in Coachford at 2.00pm. The Junior B team play Tower FC on Sunday in Carrigadrohid at 2.00pm

Angling

O'Callaghan's Bar and Guest House are one of the new sponsors of the big Angling Festivals next September. O'Callaghan's have added €1,000 to the prize fund of the Celtic Shield Festival and the winner of the Vintners Cup will receive 7 nights B&B and evening meal for 2 persons sharing.

Rowing

It's going to be a busy few months at the National Rowing Centre in Farran Woods with National Assessments taking place in February and March and the University Championships on April 10th. Lets hope the local rowers have a good year on the water.

Operation Transformation comes to Coachford.



CM Fitness, Nutrition and Sports Rehab in conjunction with RTE's Operation has organised a schedule to help people in Coachford of all ages and levels of fitness to get involved in changing their lives for the better. The 'keep fit get fit' walking and running sessions will include warm ups, cool downs and stretching aiming to build your fitness up to take part in the National Walks and Runs organised by Operation Transformation. The planned walks and runs are free of charge. A timed walk/Jog is planned for this Sunday, January 18th on the Coachford Greenway at 12noon.

Fitness Coach, Ciara Murphy said " I'm hoping to get Coachford up and exercising. I'll be organising soccer and badminton tournaments and master classes in Zumba, Zuu, Circuits and a Bootcamp These events (tournaments and classes) will require a small fee due to rental of halls etc but any surplus will be returned to the community or to charity or we can collectively decide what to do with it." CM Fitness, Nutrition and Sports Rehab is also available for Personal or small group Training sessions and Nutritional planning to help maximize your results and to help achieve and steer your fitness and weight loss goals in the right direction. As part of this very successful programme you will receive 6 weekly personal training sessions including weekly weigh ins, a personal training session each week, a personalised nutritional programme, a tailor made training programme based on what you really want to achieve for yourself in the coming few weeks and months. If this option interests you email ciara.murf@yahoo.ie for more details or ring 085 762 2387.

Coachford 5 Mile Road Race - Friday August 14th .

Footballers and hurlers to party at Golf Club

The Aghabullogue GAA victory Dinner Dance will be held in the Lee Valley Golf Club on Saturday, 24th January at 8.00pm. Medals will be presented to the victorious Minor Footballers who won County League and Regional championship titles in 2014. The Mid Cork Under 21 hurling champions will also be presented with medals on the night. Music will be provided by the fabulous and entertaining Rylane based band 'The Hillbillies'. Tickets for the victory social are €30 and can be obtained from any committee member.

